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I am writing to you to urge you to support the continued funding of Hawaii Youth Opera Chorus (HYOC).

I currently have two children attending the HYOC every Saturday. In my opinion, HYOC provides the highest quality of musical education among all service providers. Many of the children attending HYOC are on scholarship. Given that music is not necessarily offered at many of the public schools, HYOC provides a vital role in the lives of these children and may be the only venue where they can get quality musical education. Therefore, continued funding is critical for HYOC's continued services to the island community, especially the disadvantaged population in Hawaii.

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